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More Child Care Providers Sentenced for Fraud

Today, as a result of efforts by the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families and Milwaukee law enforcement, two more child care providers were sentenced for defrauding the state's subsidized child care program, Wisconsin Shares.

Duane and Shontina Gladney pled guilty in May to defrauding taxpayers. Wednesday, they were sentenced to six months' imprisonment and were ordered to pay $105,368 in restitution.

In response to the Gladneys' sentencing, Secretary Eloise Anderson responded, "By stealing from the taxpayers, the Gladneys drained scarce resources and tarnished the image of honest and hard working day care providers. Their sentencing serves as a warning to other corrupt providers who steal from Wisconsin taxpayers that they will be prosecuted and held accountable for their actions."

The Gladneys were the license holders of Executive Kids and worked in connection with Latasha Jackson (Wilder). Ms. Jackson was the day care provider whose multi-million dollar mansion, luxury cars and high-end lifestyle came to symbolize massive child care fraud. Ms. Jackson was sentenced in August to fourteen months in prison and ordered to pay $200,000 in restitution.

Governor Walker and the Department of Children and Families are committed to ensuring that public funds are used only by those who are honestly working to provide important services to Wisconsin families.

By tackling fraud in Wisconsin Shares, the Department of Children and Families has saved taxpayers over $148 million.

The Wisconsin Department of Children and Families encourages the public to report suspected child care fraud by either calling 1-877-302-FRAUD (3728) or go to the Department's website at dcf.wisconsin.gov and click on the "Report Fraud" button.

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